

SENATE BILL No. 322

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-2-14-17.

Synopsis: Reporting of deaths to coroner. Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally fails to immediately notify the coroner of the discovery of the body of a person who died commits a Class B infraction. (Current law makes it a Class B infraction if a person fails to immediately notify the coroner or a law enforcement agency if the person discovers the body of a person who has died from violence, who has died in an apparently suspicious, unusual, or unnatural manner, or has died at less than three years of age.) Removes the defense of receiving the permission of a law enforcement officer in criminal actions for altering the scene of certain deaths.

Effective: July 1, 2008.

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January 10, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters.

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Second Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2008)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2007 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 36-2-14-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.225-2007,
2 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 17. (a) A person who knowingly or intentionally
4 fails to immediately notify the coroner ~~or a law enforcement agency~~ of
5 the discovery of the body of a person who
6 (1) has died ~~from violence~~;
7 (2) ~~has died in an apparently suspicious, unusual, or unnatural~~
8 ~~manner; or~~
9 (3) ~~has died at less than three (3) years of age~~;
10 commits a Class B infraction. However, the failure to immediately
11 notify under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor if the person
12 fails to immediately notify with the intent to hinder a criminal
13 investigation.
14 (b) A person who, with the intent to hinder a criminal investigation
15 and without the permission of the coroner, ~~or a law enforcement~~
16 ~~officer~~, knowingly or intentionally alters the scene of death of a person
17 who has died:

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- 1 (1) from violence; or
- 2 (2) in an apparently suspicious, unusual, or unnatural manner;
- 3 commits a Class D felony.

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